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In re application of:

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Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Gibbs, Terra C.

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 12, 2006 ("Restriction Requirement"), the time for response to which is extended two months by the accompanying petition from August 12, 2006 to October 12, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I (claims 2-6, 8, 11, and 19) for prosecution on the merits in the subject application. Applicants understand that claims 1 and 7, linking the isolated RNA compositions of elected claims 2-6 and 8, will be examined together with the linked claims.

Further, Applicants elect with traverse 5'-(U(C/U))₁₋₃(C/-)U₇₋₁₂C(C/-)-3' (SEQ ID NO:2) of claim 2, 5'-AGGUAAGU-3' of claim 4, 5'-CCACAGC-3' of claim 5, 5'-UACUAAC-3' of claim 6, and 5'-(UC)₇₋₁₂NCUAG(G/-)-3' (SEQ ID NO:3) of claim 8 for prosecution on the merits.